



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1615

Federal-Local Information Sharing Partnership Act of 2002

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on September 5, 2002

S. 1615 would authorize federal agencies to share certain information, including foreign intelligence and electronic surveillance, with state and local law enforcement personnel. CBO estimates that implementing S. 1615 would result in no significant costs to the federal government. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 1615 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The bill would benefit state and local governments by allowing them better access to foreign intelligence and other confidential information.

On June 25, 2002, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 4598, the Homeland Security Information Sharing Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on June 13, 2002. CBO estimated that implementing H.R. 4598 within the Department of Justice would cost less than \$500,000 annually, but we could not determine the cost to implement that bill's provision for federal intelligence agencies to share information using computer systems because information necessary to make such an estimate is classified.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.